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1P0, SEBORG. In a fax received by Daniel, 3A2LZ, he states he has received operating permission for 1995. So look for him as IK/3A2LZ/1P0D usually on weekends operating CW, RTTY (until the laptop's battery runs out) and for some activity on the WARC bands. Daniel also mentioned if there are any RS-12 passes while he is in Seborga he will work them too.

1S, SPRATLY ISLANDS. Robin, DU9RG, has announced that plans are being made for an operation around April 10-16th. The callsign that will be used is DU0K. No other information was made available (such as bands, number of operators, QSL route, etc.). Just a reminder that Spratly is claimed by several countries.

8Q, MALDIVE ISLANDS. Carlo, I4ALU, is supposed to be active from here until January 6th, but there have been no QSNs reported as of yet on the Ohio/Penn Network. His activity is to be on all bands CW only, check 10 kHz up from band edge. QSL via I4ALU.

A22, BOTSWANA. Dave, A22MN, will be leaving A2-land in February. He will move on to Finland where he will be there for the next 3-4 years. Meanwhile, Dave has been trying to work stations on 80/160 meters. He is reportedly upset because the same individuals keep calling him on these bands and they are not giving other stations who would like to have a chance to work him as a new one. Also, PLEASE send QSL cards only to his QSL Manager WA8JOC (and not direct to Dave). Dave's future plans while in Finland are to operate from OH0, OJ0 and M-V Island.

IOTA NEWS (H44 and P29). In the second part of January, Norbert/DJ9RB and Bernhard/DL2GAC (H44MS) will be active on CW, SSB and PACTOR with an emphasis on the low bands from Shortland Island (IOTA OC-162) located in the Western Solomons. After this operation, Bernhard says he will try and activate on his own at Sikaiana Island (the only remaining unnumbered group in the Solomons). Another possibility for March is an island in the Woodlark Group in P29. This is another unnumbered group from Papua New Guinea.

OD, LEBANON. Timo, OH1NOA, will be active as OH1NOA/OD5 until August of 1995. Activity will be on 80-10 meters including the WARC bands (he prefers CW). QSL via OH1MRR.

PACIFIC DXPEDITIONS.

Masa, JE1DXC, who has finally worked out his flight reservation problems, will be active from three different IOTA locations in the Pacific. All activities will be on 80-10 meters with CW, RTTY and SSB while operating barefoot in small antennas. Look for him January 19-20 as 3D2XC (IOTA OC-016), January 21-26 as T30XC (IOTA OC-017), January 27 through February 2 as T20XC (IOTA OC-015) and February 3-5 he will be active again as 3D2XC. QSL via JE1DXC.

Yoshihiro, JF6BCC, will be active from Saipan (KH0), Belau (KC6) and possibly Guam (KH2) beginning in late January. Look for KH0/KH2GR on January 27-29th, KC6IY on January 29-February 1st and possibly KH2GR on February 2nd. QSL via JF6BCC.

QSL INFO (from KF7E). Jim, KF7E, QSL Manager for 5X1HR (94 CQWW SSB), indicated the QSL cards are back from the printer and the first batch of cards went into the mail December 15th (All cards were direct, no bureau cards yet received). He also mentioned that he was one of the participating stations in the Apollo 11 25th Anniversary Special Event operation this past summer and has received 800+ SASEs. On December 20th, he received from NASA the master certificate (some 5 months after the event). He regrets this delay; it was beyond his control. Jim reports the certificate is beautiful, but it will cost about a buck to print and he will be stuck with the additional postage after January 1st. Though the delay and costs are beyond his wildest expectations, he will see to it that all SASEs on hand will be answered. Your PATIENCE is appreciated.

VP8, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Andy, SP2GOW, is one of the operators now active from Smith Island in the South Shetland group as VP8CQS. Activity has been mainly on 40 and 80 meter CW, between 2330 and 0300z. QSL via DL1EHH.

XX9, MACAO. Noda-san, JE7RJZ, will active as XX9TJZ, January 9-13th. Reports indicate he will be active on AO-10 and AO-13. QSL via JA7FWR.

ZC6, PALESTINE (?). The station signing ZC6B (operator Sami) continues to be active most days on 14243 kHz at 1400z (with OE6EEG). Sami, who claims to be operating from Gaza, stated that he will be installing a 3 element beam soon. He has also stated that he has not received any mail yet from either the USA or EU, because it takes 1 month or more to receive them. Sami has mailed some QSL cards direct by using the callbook. According to Sami, USA cards can now be sent to: Dr. Sami Tarazi, c/o 7162 E. Kendall Drive, E. Syracuse, NY 13057. The original QSL route was: Dr. Sami Tarazi, Box 1008, Gaza, Palestine via Israel.

There are other rumors floating around stating a couple of DXpeditions will take place in February and March by some JA, European and statside operators. Also, ZC6A is reported to be active soon.

Just a reminder! ZC6 was deleted from the DXCC Countries List as of July 1, 1968. Also, the allocation list of international call signs shows that the prefix for ZC6 is allocated to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (From the ARRL DXCC Countries List, July 1994)

ZL8, KERMADEC ISLANDS. Bren, G4DY0, reports that Barry's, G4MFW/ZS1FJ, proposed DXpedition to Kermadec has been cancelled. Details were not given.

1995 JAPAN INTERNATIONAL DX CW "LOW BANDS" CONTEST takes place January 13th at 2200z through January 15th 2200z. The bands to be used 160/80/40 meters. The mode is CW. Entries can be S0/MB, S0/SB, M0/STX and S0/MB QRP. Contest exchange: JA stations (RST+JARL Prefecture Number) - DX stations (RST+CQ Zone Number). For more details contact "Five Nine Magazine": P.O. Box 59, Kasata, Tokyo 144, Japan.

AMATEUR RADIO CONVENTION IN IRAQ. From the Northern California DX Foundation newsletter, Adel M. Aswad, YI1FC, reports: "We want to inform you that we are planning to hold a world-wide radio amateurs convention in Iraq around March 1995 and we want to invite all active radio amateurs around the world..." For more information, write: Adel M. Aswad, P.O. Box 7441, Baghdad, Iraq.

KEEP THOSE BALLOTS COMING! Ballots for the Fourth Annual OPDX/NODXA DX Survey can be found in OPDX.184. Ballots can be sent to the following packet and online addresses listed below.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Europeans are outvoting stateside. Come on guys!

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